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SUBJECT: WELFARE AMCITS AND OTHER NATIONALS IN BENIN

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1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AS OF NOON LOCAL IS THAT ONLY ONE CANADIAN WOUNDED. EMBASSY LOME BY SSB REQUESTED ADVICE RE MEDEVAC AND WE REPLIED THAT MEDEVAC SEEMS FEASIBLE AS AIRPORT REPORTED TO BE OPEN WEDNESDAY. VICE CONSUL HAS SEEN THREE CANADIAN PASSPORTS AT SURETE AND IS ATTEMPTING TO GET INFORMATION ON NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS OF HOLDERS OF THOSE PASSPORTS.

2. EMBASSY TAKING ROLL-CALL OF OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL AMCITS IN COTONOU FOR UPDATE ON THEIR WELFARE AS OF NOON WEDNESDAY.
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ALSO CHECKING ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED SUPPLIES AND WILL TRY TO HANDLE ANY SUCH REQUESTS DURING COURSE OF DAY. PER REF B, STEVE GILES AND STEVE JOYCE LEFT COTONOU FOR NIAMEY AT LEAST ONE WEEK AGO. ALI KAHN, RESIDENT IN COTONOU, HAS NOT BEEN SEEN TODAY. AMEMBASSY CHECKING ON HER WELFARE. BILHEIMER INFORMATION ON LOCATIONS OF PCV'S SHOULD BE ACCURATE, ALTHOUGH SOME VOLUNTEERS ARE ON LEAVE. PCD HAS CONTACTED

ALL PCV'S KNOWN TO BE IN COTONOU AS OF TUESDAY AND ALL SAFE
(REF C).

3. ALAN GILLAM, BRITISH NATIONAL, TELLS US HE HAS CONTACTED ALL BRITISH NATIONALS IN BENIN EXCEPT JEFF SAYERS IN NATITANGOU AND LLOYD DAVIS IN PORTO NOVO. AS OF WEDNESDAY MORNING ALL BRITISH NATIONALS SAFE. BRUCE CHATWIN (PARA 3, REF D) NOW IN HOTEL DE LA PLAGE ALONG WITH ST. JOHN FINN (FINN, NOT SINK AS REPORTED REF D).

GILLAM THANKS JOHN WILLIAMS, LAGOS, FOR HIS CONCERN.

4. MORRISON-KNUDSEN TELLS US THEY EXPECTED ANTHONY WILKINSON ON PAN AM 186 YESTERDAY. WOULD ABIDJAN, DOUALA AND LIBREVILLE CHECK HOTELS TO SEE IF HE REGISTERED IN ONE OF LOCAL HOTELS.
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